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# APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application  
by email to [district.applications@austintexas.gov](mailto:district.applications@austintexas.gov)  
by mail or in person to:  
Office of the City Auditor  
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130  
Austin, TX 78701

*Application Period:  
January 18, 2013  
through  
February 22, 2013*

**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY  
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN  
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER  
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or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

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Austin, TX 78701

**Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013**

**DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE**

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission duties include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member terms of service include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
  - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
  - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
  - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
    - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
    - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
    - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

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**2013**

Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Noches Ramon Crespin  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1140416811

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

6409 Back Bay Lane Austin TX 78739  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

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(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-288-6162

Contact Email Address: rnoches@aol.com

Spouse's Name: Noches Nancy Jane  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Conflicts of Interest**

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

<b>Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:</b>	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:</b>	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>In the last City Election did you or your spouse:</b>	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Personal Background Information**

- **Ethnicity:** Black 1/4 Hispanic
- **Race:** Black
- **Gender:** ☒ Male    ☐ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**

☐ 18 to 24    ☐ 25 to 34    ☐ 35 to 44    ☐ 45 to 54    ☐ 55 to 64    ☒ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**

☐ High School Diploma or GED

☐ Some College (major \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Associate's Degree (major \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Bachelor's Degree (major Management)

☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject MS)

**Qualifications**

**Please describe your relevant analytical skills.**

Retired Air Force Colonel, over a period of 20 years, developed an Air Force Strategic Plan related to information management. It required a broad review of the entire Air Force Information Management system, then culling out the priorities for education, identification of important skill sets, and cost benefit analysis of all recommended changes. Plan affected over 50,000 Air Force personnel as the Air Force quickly evolved into the digital world. As Training manager for Air Force level technical school programs, reviewed, and revised instructional methodology, and currency of training material for 10 different Air Force career areas; program trained over 3,000 students each year. After retiring, I became office Manager for Southern Union Gas Company, created first strategic plan, affecting service to over 140,000 customers. In later years of the Austin Based company, used teamwork to create a plan to migrate five new communities into the Company. Migration of the new cities was seamless. After Governor Ann Richards appointed the commissioner of the new Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), I was the first hired. I had to plan organize and estimate all requirements for a turn-key operations as new employees came aboard. This included installing complete telephone and computer network systems, and all office equipment and supplies. Also planned and recommended the requirement to move from a rental facility into state owned facility. Conducted a space usage survey and determined the Brown Healy facility had more than enough room for an expanded HHSC. As support functions could be contracted out to other state Agencies in the facility, I knew they would not require my position, within a few weeks, the Kodak Corporation hired me to assist in the final planning analysis and implementation of a new contracted support operation at the main Austin location.

**Please describe your ability to be impartial.**

First I do not belong to either of our major political parties and prefer to stay neutral, but objective in my approach and position on various issues. As an officer, and commander over a wide span of programs, I treated all of those under my command fairly and always with a heightened sense of integrity. Several times the Air Force selected me to sit on Court Martial boards which required at times a most difficult tasks of being impartial. However I thought I was always fair in my decisions. Today we hear about diversity however I have lived in a diverse environment for over 25 years.

**Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.**

Austin is a city of many faces, from a bustling downtown, to sprawling hills, populated by beautiful homes and vistas not seen in any other city. I often take visitors from other states on grand tours of the city. They always express delight and surprise in the number of trees, and how such a large city, seems hidden by hills, greenbelts and a myriad of breath taking scenery. I have lived in Austin for over 24 years, it has continuously changed from a city dominated by small political groups with strict but very limited vision on which direction the city should take to one where well reasoned progress and growth have gradually replace a static if not regressive attitude about the city's future. the action now underway to create a broader political and more functional electorate system will greatly enhance a city already reaching out to its diverse population. When I arrived here from Washington D. C., in 1988, the southern part of the city seemed limited to those areas bordering downtown. The minority population seemed almost non-existent, south of Ben White Boulevard. For years the area seemed politically isolated, we really had no strong voice in many decisions, that affected our part of Austin and which we were often identified by the news media as "South of Austin". With this action to create a new means of electing city representatives will further enhance the livability of perhaps the most desirable city to live in the nation.

**Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.**

During my Air Force career, I had a wide span of experiences, from being a voting officer, managing one of the largest technical training programs, to being a professor of aerospace studies. I also had considerable post graduate education which included a Master of Science Degree, Air Command and Staff program, Air War College, the National Defense Security Management Program and the Air Force Information Management Program. I lived in many areas of the world and the United States, and believe my view of Austin is benchmarked against many of the best cities in the country. After retiring from the Air Force, I was the first black Manager in the Southern Union Company and faced some initial challenges that I reversed and added many new and advanced cost saving features such as distribution ability to pay gas bills at Austin's largest grocery store chain, and electronic check signing equipment that saved the regional Vice President thousands of man ours each year. I am a resident of Circle C Ranch and was active with the group that made every effort to protect our very small but growing community. Thats when I realized that even though we were Austin Residents, we had no representation at the city level and often seemed to get short shrift when it came to needed improvements, many which languished for over 20 years and others which still remain unsettled. It was extremely frustrating to see a very tiny area of Austin literally having more political clout than this vast sprawling part of Austin. I have no political aspiration, never have and never will. I believe have a real sense of honesty and integrity. I do not even have a parking ticket, and make every effort to always be fair. I believe my life's experience to be unique and would contribute greatly to the redistricting effort.

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**DISCLAIMER**

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

**Ramon Crespin Noches**

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Signature of Applicant

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.

**2/8/2013**

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Date

**GLOSSARY**

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
  - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
  - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
  - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member's duties or to the council member's service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member's required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
  - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
  - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

